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1. INDOCHINA

SENATE APPROVES 56-32 DOLE (R-KAN) AMENDMENT TO BILL AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR WB/OTHER INTL LENDING INSTITUTIONS. AMENDMENT REQUIRES US OPPOSE LOANS TO VN/LAOS/CAMBODIA; IF LOANS VOTED OVER US OBJECTION, US CONTRIBUTION TO INTL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION MAKING LOAN WOULD BE REDUCED BY LIKE AMT (SOUTHERLAND, CSM; AP, WSTAR 6/15). CARTER ADMIN UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSED DOLE AMENDMENT ON GROUNDS WOULD INHIBIT ATTEMPTS NEGOTIATE "NORMALIZATION" RELS (SOUTHERLAND).

NIXON SPOKE TO MEMBERS HIRC SUBCMTE ON PHONE 6/15 RE SECRET VN NEGOTS THAT LED TO 1973 C-F. NO MAJOR REVELATIONS APPARENTLY MADE. FORMER PRES ARGUED VS PAYING SRV "BLACK-MAIL FOR BODIES" (GWERTZMAN, NYT; EXCERPTED IN SUN), INSISTED HANOI ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD WOULD BE NO AID UNLESS C-F LIVED UP TO (GWERTZMAN).

IN ARTICLE DESCRIBING PLATOONS OF PROTESTERS THAT BIVOUAC AT UN, TELTCH (NYT) MENTIONS BUDDHIST MONK THICH GIAC DUC ARRIVED LAST FRI W/FEW FOLLOWERS TO BEGIN FAST TO TRY HAVE UN INVESTIGATE IMPRISONMENT BUDDHIST LEADERS IN VN/TAKEOVER TEMPLES, PAGODAS/SUPPRESSION RELIGIOUS LITERATURE. SAYS MONK DISTRESSED AT LACK RESPONSE TO HIS APPEALS. ARTICLE ACCOMPANIED BY NYT PIC SHOWING MONK SEATED UNDER SIGN PLEADING FOR HUMAN RTS VN.

2. CHINA

ACCORDING BALT SUN'S WASH BUREAU CORRESPONDENT, WOODCOCK OFFERED REMOVE HIMSELF FROM CONSIDERATION FOR PEKING POST IF WH CONSIDERED HIS OPPOSITION TO KEY PROVISIONS OF PRES; ENERGY PROGRAM TOO MUCH OF POL EMBARRASSMENT; BUT WH REPORTEDLY INFORMED WOODCOCK, THROUGH EMISSARY, THAT HIS POSITION UNDERSTOOD/ACCEPTABLE. SAYS OFFICIALS CLOSE TO SCHLESINGER ALSO INSIST WH NOT UPSET WITH WOODCOCK'S LOBBYING AGAINST ENERGY BILL SECTIONS.

WRITER SAYS DISCLOSURE WEDNESDAY OF WOODCOCK'S OFFER TO BOW OUT APPEARS EXPLAIN LACK OF WH PUBLIC CONCERN OVER "HIGHLY UNUSUAL SITUATION" IN WHICH PERSON NOMINATED FOR HIGH GOVT POST ACTIVELY OPPOSED MAJOR ADMIN POLICY PROPOSAL; OBSERVES WOODCOCK CONSIDERED INSTRUMENTAL IN LAST WEEK'S DEFEAT OF AUTO REBATE PROVISION OF ENERGY PROGRAM. UNCLASSIFIED

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US ARMY GEN STARRY, WHO PUBLICLY WARNED IN FRG LAST WEEK THAT US COULD BECOME INVOLVED IN SINO-SOVIET WAR, IS SUMMONED HOME FROM FRANKFURT TO EXPLAIN STATEMENTS (AP, PHINQ; UPI NYDN, WP; NYT'S WEINRAUB).

PRC THURS USED OFFICIAL VISIT BY CONGOLESE PM TO LAUNCH ANOTHER ATTACK ON SOVIET STRATEGY IN AFRICA. "PD" WELCOMING EDIT PRAISED "COURAGEOUS CONGOLESE PEOPLE"/ STRONGLY CRITICIZED KREMLIN'S ALLEGED PLOTTING TO INVADE ZAIRE/WARNED SOVIET IS INTENSIFYING "EXPANSIONIST ACTIVITIES" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA/RED SEA REGION "TO FISH IN TROUBLED WATERS" (REUTER PEKING).

"PD" REPORTED WEDNESDAY THAT CHINESE ARCHEOLOGISTS HAVE EXCAVATED 110 TOMBS DATING BACK 5,000 YRS IN KHANGTUNG PROVINCE; ALOMST 3,000 OBJECTS UNEARTHED, INCLUDING STONE ARROWHEADS/POTTERY/ORNAMENTS (REUTER PEKING, WP).

NYDN HAS AP PHOTO/NEWS MAP/REPORT ON TANGSHAN QUAKE-"WORST" IN CENTURIES. STORY NOTES PHOTO CAME OUT OF PRC WEDNESDAY, POINTS OUT GOVT HAS HAD LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT WIDESPREAD DAMAGE, HAS RELEASED ONLY HANDFUL OF PICS.

4. JAPAN

NYT REPORTS MANSFIELD'S 1ST PRESS CONF 6/14 MYSTIFIED JAPANESE. AMB DISDAINED DIPL NICETIES AFTER INTRODUCTION/ SAID SIMPLY, "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M THE NEW BOY ON THE BLOCK. SHOOT;" OVER 100 JAPANESE JOURNALISTS STUNNED FOR MOMENT; ONE DEMANDED, "WHAT DOES HE MEAN 'SHOO?" AMB GAVE ASSURANCES US-JAPAN ALLIANCE BASED ON EQUALITY, ADDED JAPANESE EXPORTERS MUST CONSIDER EFFECT HUGE SHIPMENTS ON US INDUSTRIES/LABOR.

TEAM US NUKE EXPERTS, SCHEDULED TOUR TOKAI NUKE REPROCES-UNCLASSIFIED

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SING PLANT NEXT WK, HITS SNAG. FRENCH, WHO HELPED BUILD PLANT, HAVE PLACED SUCH SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON ANY VISIT THAT DOS OFFICIALS CONSIDERING CANCELING/POST-PONING TRIP (MALCOLM, NYT TOKYO).

AT OECD MTG 6/15, US CHIEF ECON ADVISOR SCHULTZE WARNED THAT IF FRG/JAPAN DO NOT EXPAND ECONOMIES FASTER, US COULD FACE SEVERE BOP DEFICIT WHICH MIGHT STIR PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT AT HOME/CAUSE MONETARY TURMOIL ABROAD (LEWIS, NYT PARIS).

JOC'S COOPER NOTES DOT STUDYING HARLEY-DAVIDSON CORP CHARGE JAPANESE MOTORCYCLE MFRS DUMPING UNITS ON US MARKET. HARLEY'S PRES SAYS FIRM NOT SEEKING PROTECTION, BUT "BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH COMPETITION IS FAIR." JAPANESE MFRS HAVE DENIED DUMPING CHARGE.

KEIDANREN VP/SUMITOMO CHEMICAL CHRMN SAYS JAPANESE AUTO MFRS "TOO SMART" CAUSE PROBLEMS IN US AUTO MARKET, SHOULD JAPAN'S AUTO IMPORTS BE RESTRICTED. STATES JAPANESE REALIZE FREE TRADE SOMETIMES CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR COUNTRIES/ADDS THAT FREE TRADE SHOULD ALSO MEAN FAIR TRADE (JOC).

5. JAPAN/MALAYSIA

THREE OIL FIRMS FROM MALAYSIA/JAPAN/NETHERLANDS AGREE ESTABLISH JOINT VENTURE TO SUPPLY JAPAN W/LNG FROM MALAYSIA OVER 20 YR PERIOD BEGINNING 1983 (UPI, JOC).

6. JAPAN/INDONESIA

INDONESIA/FON BANK GROUP LED BY BANK OF TOKYO/INDUSTRIAL BANK OF JAPAN EXPECTED CONCLUDE 50-MIL-DOL LOAN SOON TO REFINANCE COST OVERRUNS ON INDONESIAN LNG PROJECTS (WSJ).

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7. JAPAN/KOREA

IN 1ST TOKYO PRESS CONF 6/14, MANSFIELD CONFIRMED US HAS NUKES IN SK, BUT REFUSED SAY IF THEY WILL BE REMOVED ALONG W/US GROUND TROOPS. AMB SAID W/DRAWAL WILL LEAVE SOME 8,000 MIL MEN--MOSTLY AF/INTELL--IN SK. PREDICTED CONTINUED GRADUAL REDUCTION US TROOPS JAPAN, BUT SAID THERE WOULDN'T BE "COMPLETE" PULLOUT THERE (SUN'S SEIDEN, TOKYO).

8. KOREA

ARGENTINA HAS BROKEN DIP RELS W/NK AFTER 3-MAN, NK DIPL MISSION LEFT S AMER W/O PAYING BILLS. FON MINISTRY CITED "UNILATERAL ABANDONMENT" ARGENTINA W/O "PRIOR NOTIFICATION" (UPI WP, JOC).

9. AUSTRALIA

FOR 1ST TIME SINCE ESSO ESTABLISHED OPNS IN AUSTRALIA 50 YRS AGO, AUSTRALIAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHRMN/MANAGING DIRECTOR LOCAL SUBSIDIARY 7/1 (JOC).

10. PHILIPPINES

MAN WHO SUFFERED BREATHING FAILURE WHILE PATIENT AT ANN ARBOR, MICH VA HOSPITAL, TESTIFIED 6/15 THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE HE WAS ATTACKED BY EITHER LEONORA PEREZ/FILI-PINA NARCISO--NURSES CHARGED W/CAUSING 8 PATIENTS SUFFER BREATHING AILMENTS BY INJECTING MUSCLE-PARALYZING DRUG INTO IV TUBES (NYT).

11. PHILIPPINES/CHINA

TWO FILS WHO HELPED HIJACK PHIL AIRLINE PLANE TO PRC LINCLASSIFIED

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IN 1971 RETURNED MANILA 6/15 AFTER MAKING SURPRISE APPEARANCE IN MACAO SUNDAY. MEN SAID AFTER LANDING IN PRC, THEY APOLOGIZED TO CHINESE AUTHORITIES/WORKED ON STATE FARM IN HUNAN. AFTER SAYING THEY WANTED RETURN PHILS, CHINESE FON MINISTRY SENT THEM TO MACAO W/300 DOLS EA (REUTER MANILA 6/15).

12. TRADE POLICY

US COURT OF APPEALS REFUSES BLOCK CARTER ADMIN QUOTAS ON IMPORTS FOOTWEAR FROM TAIWAN/SK. DENIES INJUNCTION SOUGHT BY US SHOE IMPORTERS (WP).

13. FOREIGN AID BILL

SENATE 6/15 APPROVED 1.6-BIL-DOL ECON AID AUTHORIZATION/
3.2-BIL MIL AID MEASURE FOR FY78; SFRC HAD PROVIDED 275
MILLION MIL AID CREDITS FOR SK, BUT NOTED "WITH GREAT
CONCERN" HUMAN RTS SITUATIONS THERE/NICARAGUA (RICH, WP).
AMENDMENTS TO ECON AID BILL HAD EFFECT ELIMINATING 10-MILDOL AUTHORIZATION FOR UN UNIV IN JAPAN. GLENN (D-O)
AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO PROHIBIT USE ANY AID FUNDS IN VN/LAOS/
CAMBODIA, AND URGE PRES TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO GET
COMPLETE MIA ACCOUNTING (HOVEY, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

14. JAPAN

CSM'S MORITZ (TOKYO) SAYS MANSFIELD ASSUMES POST AMID WARM WELCOME/HIGH EXPECTATIONS THAT HE WILL LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY TO JAPANESE OPINIONS. HOWEVER, AT 1ST PRESS CONF, AMB PROFESSED EMBARRASSMENT AT THESE HIGH EXPECTATIONS BY PLUNGING INTO COMPLICATED ISSUES DIVIDING US/JAPAN. MORITZ SAYS IN ADDITION LONG-TERM NUKE PROBLEM, MANSFIELD MUST FACE MANY FAMILIAR TRADE ISSUES/MAY UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE TO NEGOTIATE FOR WIDER ENTRY US PRODUCTS INTO JAPANESE MARKET.

MADDOCKS (CSM) DOES TONGUE-IN-CHEEK REVERSAL PERRY'S OPENING UP JAPAN. JAPAN'S "WHITE SHIPS," COMMANDED BY "COMMODORE SONY" ENTER US/PRESENT GIFTS--COLOR TVS/AUTOS--TO "EMPEROR CARTER." "PRIMITIVE NATIVE" STRAUSS EXCLAIMS, "WHY COULDN'T THESE PEOPLE LEAVE US ALONE? WE WERE SO HAPPY, LIVING IN THE PAST."

NYT URGES CARTER ADMIN PRESS STAND AGAINST NUKE BREEDER REACTORS. BELIEVES POTENTIAL BUILDERS LIKE FRG/JAPAN/UK "CAN STILL BE INFLUENCED" BY US POLCIY/EXAMPLE IN HOLDING BACK BREEDER REACTOR DEVELOPMENT.

15. KOREA

BUCHANAN (CHITRIB, NYDN) LOOKS OVER KOREAN BRIBERY SCANDAL, PRESENTS ARGUMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO HANDLE INVESTIGATION.

16. SINGAPORE

PEIRCE (WP) DESCRIBES HOW SINGAPORE CONTROLS DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC. CONSIDERS WHETHER SUCCESSFUL METHODS USED APPLICABLE TO US CITIES.

17. PHILIPPINES

UPI'S LANIAUSKAS (BALT NA 6/15) AT MANILA NOTES MARCOS "FLIP-FLOP" ON HUMAN RTS/ATTITUDE TOWARD REACHING NEW BASES TREATY W/US. ATTRIBUTES CHANGE FROM HARD LINE ON BOTH ISSUES TO MOSLEM REBELLION IN S PROVS THAT NEGOTS SO FAR FAILED END. SAYS W DIPLOMATS VIEW MARCOS SWING BACK TO "PROTECTIVE ARM" OF US AS DIRECT RESULT NEGOTS' FAILURE/EFFORT GAIN US INFLUENCE W/SYMPATHETIC ARAB NAUNCLASSIFIED

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TIONS SHOULD FULL-SCALE FIGHTING BREAK OUT AGAIN. OPINES RENEWAL FIGHTING CANNOT BE RULED OUT.

18. CHINA

REVIEWING ORVILL SCHNELL'S "IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC,"
NYT'S GRIMES SAYS AUTHOR BROUGHT HOME TRUNK FULL OF POIGNANT VIGNETTES FROM TWO MONTHS IN PRC IN 1975--BUT BECAUSE
OF CHINESE RESTRICTIONS/INHIBITIONS, HIS READERS GET
-ITTLE BUT SUPERFICIALITIES/UNCERTAINTIES/DOUBTS. GRIMES
SAYS CHINESE STILL HAVE HUMAN FEELINGS--BU, SCHNELL "COULD
FIND SCANT EVIDENCE OF THEM"; BOOK IS ESSENTIALLY
TRAVELOGUE.

IN HK, SUN'S ISAACS NOTES "PD," APPARENTLY AS PART OF CAMPAIGN TO BRIGHTEN DRAB IMAGE OF PARTY PRESS, HAS ENLIVENED ITS PAGES WITH JOKES--MOST AT EXPENSE OF SOVIET. FINDS PAPER'S HUMOR FAR FROM SIDESPLITTING, HOWEVER.

DOONESBURY'S "UNCLE DUKE" SAYS HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS OF WORKING WITH PEKING; HIS INTERPRETER POINTS OUT TO AUDIENCE THAT DUKE NOT YET AWARE HE'S BEING REPLACED BY WOODCOCK (WP).

19. GENERAL

KRAFT (SUN) SHARPLY RAPS PRES' "BIZARRE," "DUMB" REMARKS 6/10, IN INTERVIEW W/"MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS ASSN," ABOUT COUNTRIES WHERE ADMIN INTENDS CONTEST SOVIET FOR INFLUENCE. NOTES CARTER INCLUDED "PLACES LIKE" PRC, SRV, CUBA WITH SOVIET IN LIST THAT "MAKES ALMOST NO SENSE AT ALL." KRAFT SAYS VN WAR'S GREAT LESSON WAS THAT VN IS NOT/NEVER WILL BE CRUCIAL TO US INTERESTS. FINDS PRC'S INCLUSION ON LIST "VERY STRANGE," WONDERS IF PRES UNDER ILLUSION PEKING "IS SOMEHOW COMPOSED OF RUSSIAN STOOGES? IF SO, THAT WILL BE THE BIG AND WELCOME NEWS IN MOSCOW." CHRISTOPHER UNCLASSIFIED

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